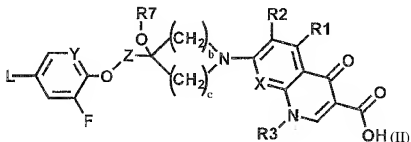


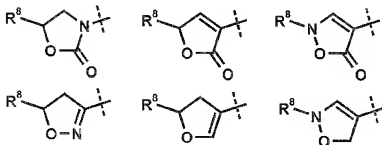
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-53. (Canceled)

54. (New) A compound of Formula (II)



wherein L is selected from the following groups:

X is CR⁵ or N;Y is CR⁶ or N;

Z is a C₁₋₄ alkylene group, a C₂₋₄ alkenylene group, a C₂₋₄ alkynylene group or a C₁₋₄ heteroalkylene group, all of which may be substituted by one or more hydroxy or amino groups;

b is 2 and c is 2, or b is 1 and c is 3, or b is 3 and c is 1;

R¹ is H, F, Cl, Br, I, OH, NH₂, an alkyl group or a heteroalkyl group;

R² is H, F or Cl;

R^3 is H, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, a heteroalkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, a pyridyl group or an alkylaryl group; each of which may be substituted with one, two or more halogen atoms;

R^5 is H, F, Cl, OH, NH_2 , an alkyl group or a heteroalkyl group;

R^6 is H, F, Cl or OMe;

R^7 is hydrogen, a group of formula $PO_3R^9_2$ or SO_3R^{10} or a heteroalkyl group carrying at least one OH, NH_2 , SO_3R^{10} , $PO_3R^9_2$, or a COOH group, wherein R^9 is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or aralkyl, and wherein R^{10} is H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;

R^8 is a C_{1-6} heteroalkyl group;

or a pharmacologically acceptable salt thereof.

55. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 is H.

56. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^2 is F or H.

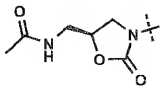
57. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^3 is an ethyl, a 2-propyl, a C_{3-6} cycloalkyl, a phenyl or a pyridyl group, all of which may be substituted by one, two or more fluorine atoms or amino groups.

58. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^3 is a cyclopropyl group.

59. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^7 is hydrogen or a group of the formula SO_3H , PO_3H_2 , $PO_3(CH_2C_6H_5)_2$, $CH_2OPO_3H_2$ or $COCH_2CH_2COOH$, or together with the oxygen to which it is bound forms an ester of a naturally occurring amino acid or a derivative thereof.

60. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^8 is a group of the formula - CH_2NHSO_2Me , - $CH_2NHCOOMe$, - CH_2NHCS_2Me , - $CH_2NHCSNH_2$, - $CH_2NHCSOMe$ or - $CH_2NHCOMe$.

61. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein L has the following structure:



62. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein R^5 is H, F, Cl or a methoxy group which may be substituted by one, two or three fluorine atoms.
63. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein X is N or CH.
64. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein Y is CH.
65. (New) A compound according to Claim 1, wherein Z is CH_2 or CH_2CH_2 .
66. (New) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to Claim 1, and optionally one or more carriers, adjuvants, diluents or mixtures thereof.
67. (New) A method for treating a bacterial infection in a subject comprising administering to the subject one or more compounds according to Claim 1.
68. (New) A method for treating an anthrax infection in a subject comprising administering to the subject one or more compounds according to Claim 1.